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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

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RE: **Alert: Phishing Scam Email**

Please note that the CDC Office of General Council (OGC) has requested the following be posted to the 'CDC Hoaxes and Rumors' website located at: **http://www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html**

CDC has received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program.

The messages request that users must create a personal H1N1 (swine flu) Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov website. The message then states that anyone that has reached the age of 18 has to have his/her personal Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov site.

CDC has **NOT** implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration. Users that click on the emails are at risk of having malicious codes installed on their system. CDC reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

- Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
- Use caution when visiting un-trusted websites.
- Use caution when entering personal information online.